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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)

Sir:

On August 22, 2002, the undersigned filed a Status Inquiry letter in the U.S. Patent Office, relating to the above- identified application.

On September 26, 2002, the Patent Office issued "Response to your Status Inquiry." The September 26, 2002 paper indicated that an action had been mailed on March 22, 2002. The undersigned confirmed this with the Examiner of the subject application. March 22 was 6 months and four days before the Patent Office September 26 paper. A copy of the August 22 paper is attached. Applicants undersigned representatives have not received that March 22 paper.

Applicants hereby request re-issuance of the March 22, 2002 paper; a retroactive rescinding of any prospective Notice of Abandonment and a restart of the period for response.

This petition is filed under 37 CFR 1.181(a) and no fee is enclosed per MPEP Section 711.03(c)(I). However, if any fee is due please charge the same to Deposit Account 22-0261 and advise us accordingly.

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